

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 – 47 Canceled.

48. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

piercing stomach tissue from within the stomach with a piercing member;

repositioning the pierced stomach tissue;

engaging the pierced stomach tissue with a pair of coacting jaws from within the stomach;[[,]] and

piercing the stomach tissue with at least one of the jaws.

49. (Original) The method of claim 48 wherein the at least one jaw includes an implant that pierces the tissue.

50. (Original) The method of claim 49 wherein the at least one jaw includes a tissue piercing element that delivers at least a portion of an implant.

51. (Original) The method of claim 48 wherein the jaws are configured to deploy an implant into the stomach tissue.

52. (Original) The method of claim 48 wherein engaging stomach tissue includes placing parts of a tissue fixation device coupled to the jaws in contact with the stomach tissue.

53. (Currently Amended) A method of treatment comprising:

piercing stomach tissue with a piercing member from within the stomach;

engaging the pierced stomach tissue with a plurality of members from within the stomach;
and[[,]]-followed by

moving at least one of the plurality of members to place exterior surface regions of the stomach in apposition.

54. (Original) The method of claim 53 wherein engaging includes piercing the stomach tissue with the plurality of members.
55. (Original) The method of claim 53 further comprising fixing the exterior surface regions of the stomach to each other.
56. (Original) The method of claim 55 wherein fixing includes placing at least one tissue fixation device through at least one full-thickness layer of the stomach.
57. (Original) The method of claim 55 wherein fixing includes delivering a tissue fixation device to the stomach tissue while the stomach tissue is engaged.
58. (Original) The method of claim 53 wherein engaging includes applying pressure to the stomach tissue.
59. (Original) The method of claim 53 wherein engaging includes pulling the stomach tissue into a tissue securing device.
60. (Original) The method of claim 59 further comprising securing the exterior surface regions using the tissue securing device.
61. (Currently Amended) A method of treatment comprising:
piercing stomach tissue with a piercing member from within the stomach;
engaging the pierced stomach tissue with at least one of a plurality of members from within the stomach;~~[[,]]-and~~
moving the plurality of members to place exterior surface regions of the stomach in apposition; and
fixing the exterior surface regions of the stomach to each other.

62. (Original) The method of claim 61 wherein engaging includes piercing the stomach tissue with the plurality of members.

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64. (Original) The method of claim 63 wherein fixing includes placing at least one tissue fixation device through at least one full-thickness layer of the stomach.

65. (Original) The method of claim 63 wherein fixing includes delivering a tissue fixation device to the stomach tissue while the stomach tissue is engaged.

66. (Original) The method of claim 61 wherein engaging includes applying pressure to the stomach tissue.

67. (Original) The method of claim 61 wherein engaging includes pulling the stomach tissue into a tissue securing device.

68. (Original) The method of claim 67 further comprising securing the exterior surface regions using the tissue securing device.

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